

# Meet the PAMA Mandate Using OrderWise



Starting January 1, 2020, providers are expected to participate in an educational and operations testing period under the Medicare Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) Program. At the end of this period, Medicare reimbursement for advanced outpatient imaging procedures (CT, MR, NM, PET) will be at risk if providers do not meet the requirements of the AUC Program initially set forth in the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA, 2014).

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- \* Must consult CDS when ordering advanced imaging
- \* Walk through a decision tree for the 8 clinical areas defined below
- \* Complete CDS workflow with a single-click beyond the 8 areas

### Eight Priority Clinical Areas

Although all ordering professionals must consult CDS for advanced diagnostic imaging, applicable to Medicare Part B outpatients, CMS has identified eight priority clinical areas that may be used for reporting purposes starting January 1, 2020.

#### The eight clinical areas are:

- Coronary Artery Disease (suspected or diagnosed)
- Suspected Pulmonary Embolism
- Headache (traumatic or non-traumatic)
- Hip Pain
- Low Back Pain
- Shoulder Pain (to include suspected rotator cuff injury)
- Cancer of the Lung (primary or metastatic, suspected or diagnosed)
- Cervical or Neck Pain



## IMPORTANT DATES

### January 2018

MIPS credits granted for consulting CDS as a clinical proactive improvement activity

### June 2019

New CDSM and PLE qualifications

### January 2021

Reimbursement denials begin for furnishing providers that do not include required information on claims

### November 2018

MPFS CY 2019 final rule includes further clarification on elements of the AUC Program

### January 2020

- Educational and operations testing period begins
- Ordering professionals must consult AUC through qualified CDSM
- Furnishing professionals must document consultation on claims